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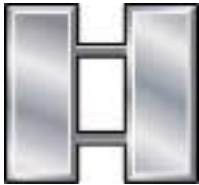


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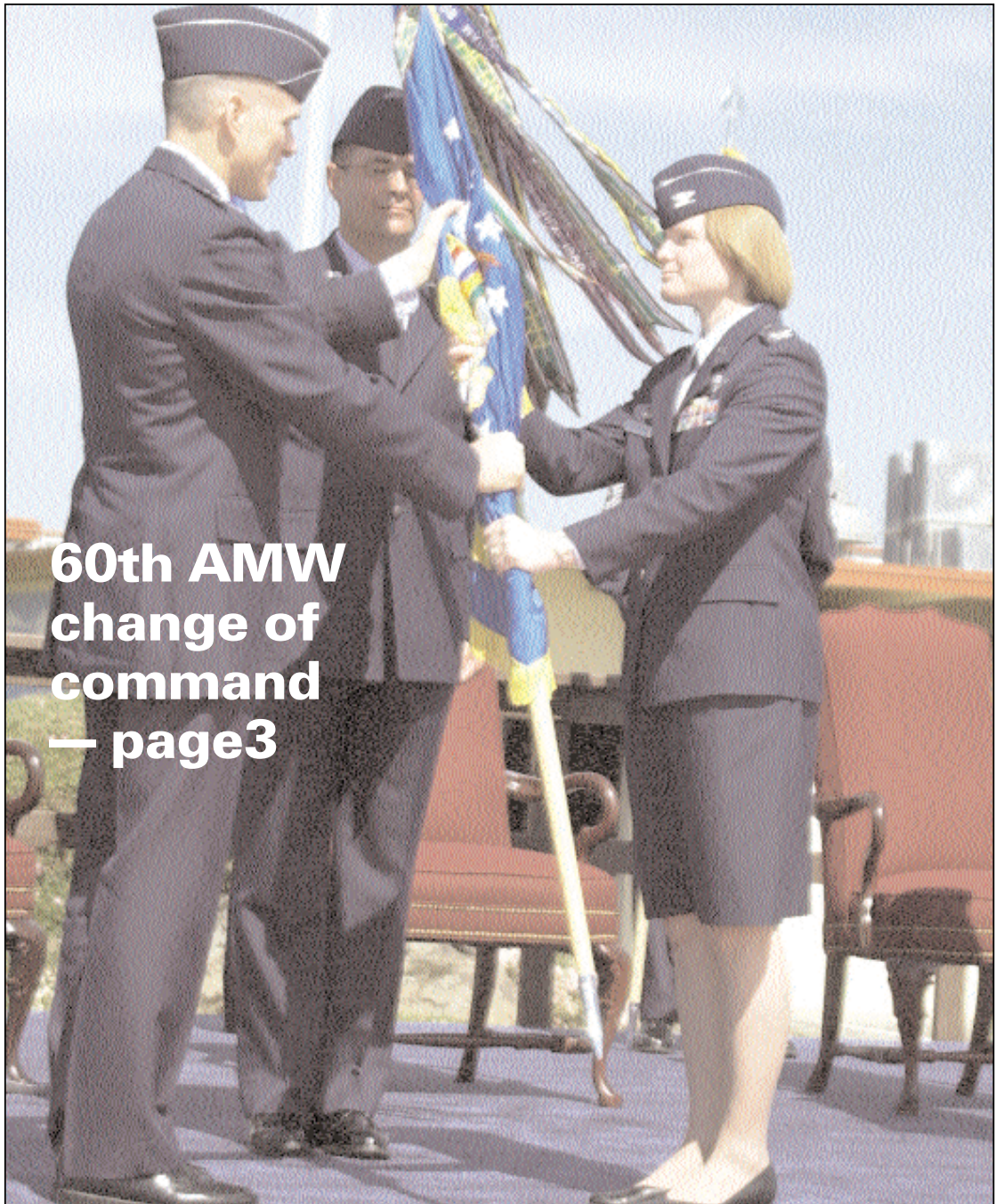
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Commander's Corner

Travis welcomes commander

By Col Lyn Sherlock
60th Air Mobility Wing Commander

It's such an honor to command this wing!

I'd also like to express a heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in the change of command ceremony ... the pass and review, formation and set up were outstanding.

It's truly rewarding to be part of the largest wing in Air Mobility Command, one with such a great reputation. I've seen many of the awards this unit has won and I know that excellence runs deep.

Mission focus

While our focus is on the flying mission of providing strategic airlift and air refueling, it takes many warriors - on the ground and in the air - to ensure mission success in providing rapid global mobility worldwide.

We have many people on the ground in Iraq and elsewhere in Southwest Asia, to include security forces, civil engineers, air mobility operators, services, logisticians, aerial porters, among others, working hard to ensure we have safe and secure airfields, base camps and utilities among a vast array of other resources. Every active duty and reserve Airman has a critical role to fulfill as part of Travis' "total force" team in the Global War on Terrorism — and readiness is key to that mission success.

Readiness

Taking care of people is our top priority when it comes to readiness. There's no way we can ensure people are ready to deploy without taking care of them and their families. This not only includes ensuring our folks have the 'tools' they need to do the job, but also that they have the support necessary to care for themselves and their family members while they are at home or deployed abroad.



Photo by Master Sgt. Tom Mullican / 60th AMW Public Affairs
Col. Lyn Sherlock speaks to the audience after accepting command of the 60th Air Mobility Wing during the change of command ceremony Thursday.

Community support

Another important element when considering readiness is community support, which is just tremendous at Travis. Many thanks are due to the many civic leaders responsible for the "Salute to Travis" breakfast held this week ... we appreciate the significant efforts undertaken to recognize our award winners, in addition to honoring Brig. Gen. Brad Baker for his outstanding service here.

Fond farewell

On that note, and on behalf of the entire Travis Team, we wish Brig. Gen. Baker, Paula, Tracy and Alicia the best as they depart for Yokota AB, Japan.

In closing, my family and I are also very honored to have the opportunity to serve at Travis, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the weeks and months ahead. Thanks for all you do for Travis and our Air Force!

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Col. Lyn Sherlock
accepts command of
the 60th Air Mobility
Wing Thursday from Lt.
Gen. William Welser III,
18th Air Force
commander

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60th AMW welcomes new commander

By Capt. Michele Tasista
60th Air Mobility Wing

Col. Lynn Sherlock accepted command from Brig. Gen. Brad Baker in a change of command ceremony here Thursday on the flightline.

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, presided over the event, which included the formation of the 60th Air Mobility Wing and pass and review.

General Welser said, "This is a day about warriors...what we're doing in our world today is not easy."

He noted the outstanding warfighting contributions of Col. Lyn Sherlock and Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, in addition to Brig. Gen. Rick Perraut, 15th

Expeditionary Mobility Task Force commander, and thanked them for their leadership of air mobility teams at home and abroad.

He also thanked the attending community representatives. "Travis is all about community support—thanks to all our local representatives for being here today. It's important to show our men and women this support."

General Baker put the command at ease and thanked the wing for their outstanding efforts. "Everyone of you plays an important role on the Travis Team...I'm reluctant to say goodbye to the finest organization anyone can have the opportunity to command."

General Welser then presented General Baker with the Legion of

Merit, second Oak Leaf Cluster and performed the change of command.

"This is a unique ceremony," said the general. "There's a flag representing this wing going from one commander to me, to the hands of another."

Colonel Sherlock welcomed the distinguished guests and commended the Travis Team. "You have accomplished incredible milestones," said Colonel Sherlock, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. "Your attention to detail shows in this ceremony and I'm proud of all of you."

As the commander of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Colonel Sherlock is responsible for the installation, in addition to the combined efforts of all

operations and support activities associated with the worldwide air mobility mission. More than 14,900 people comprise the Travis Team of military members and civilian employees.

"The excellence in this wing runs deep...all the way down to the youngest Airman," said the colonel.

The Travis formation marched in pass and review with the USAF Band of the Golden West leading the way. Brig. Gen. Baker had the honors of reviewing the parade, then departed with his spouse Paula. He has been selected to become the vice commander 5th Air Force, Yokota AB, Japan, a responsibility which includes oversight of several Air Force bases and missions in Japan.

Travis units win big in Air Mobility Command

60th Services troops earn recognition

By Jennifer Brugman
60th AMW Public Affairs

Three people from Travis were named 2004 AMC Services Individual Award Winners.

Tanya Graves, fitness center manager, was named Civilian Manager of the Year. The Dr. Bev Schmalzreid Services Award went to Eleanor Acia from Child Development Center One, and Master Sgt. Matthew Morgan won Senior NCO of the Year for his work as the food services superintendent.

Ms. Graves secured a five-star rating for the Fitness Center with AMC. The center earned a 100 percent rating in four out of five service categories under her direction. The fitness center continues to serve more than 450,000 customers each year. She also worked to obtain her private pilot's license in her time off.

"I have the best fitness center staff in the Air Force and that's what contributed to this award," said Tanya Graves. "It was all of us as a team."

Eleanor Acia maintained 100 percent occupancy at a Child Development Center that was one of the lowest staffed. She scheduled employees and maintained a child to staff ratio with fourteen classrooms and two before- and after-school kindergarten programs. She worked many hours and gave personal time during preparations for the National Association for the Education of Young Children or NAEYC visit. NAEYC visitors were wowed by the program as well as the program's docu-

mentation. It was the best evaluation out-briefing any center could get, said Linda Wherry, Child Development Center One director.

"I feel deeply honored just for the nomination," Ms. Acia said. "I just want to share the award, I feel so proud of it and I would like to share it with my Travis Team and especially my over and beyond CDC One staff. I wasn't expecting this I was really surprised with it."

Sergeant Morgan was hand-selected for 60th Services Squadron's most prestigious/arduous enlisted position and was named 60th SVS 2003 Senior NCO of the Year, said 1st Lt. Cindy Harris, Food Service officer. He also managed the third largest food operation in the Air Force with a \$2.6 million income, \$10 million in assets and \$2.5 million in subsistence. Sergeant Morgan also oversaw the provision of 115,000 flight meals to missions across the Air Force.

"Master Sgt. Morgan is the kind of Senior NCO every officer or airman would dream to work with," said Lieutenant Harris. "He is tenacious and aggressive in getting the job done. He was handpicked to serve as the Food Service Superintendent last year and proved to be the right man for the job. His energy is infectious... no troop or supervisor can sit still and watch him move — they feel inspired follow his lead and dig right in."

60th Medical Group: "Excellent in all they do"

By Jim Spellman
60th Medical Group Public Affairs

Winners are everyday heroes as the saying goes.

Winners never give up, and won't let you give up either. Winners make big things happen a little at a time; they see a beginning in every ending. Winners expect the best and inspire the best in others. Winners are the richest people in the world when it comes to experience, laughter, and love.

Such was the case when the David Grant USAF Medical Center recently went 27 of 77 — capturing 35 percent of the awards given out — when twenty-five individuals and two departments were singled out as the best in the Air Force Medical Service by Air Mobility Command.

"David Grant Medical Center is the Center of Medical Excellence within AMC and it is mostly because of the incredible people we have here," stated Colonel (Dr.) James Collier, commander of the 60th Medical Group. "I am proud and pleased but not in the least bit surprised that the wonderful folks at the 60 MDG were able to garner so many awards at the AMC level" Colonel Collier stated. "The truth is, I think every one of our medics, active, civilian, volunteer, or other-

wise, deserves to receive an award for the terrific work they do every day."

Nutritional Medicine Team:

60th Medical Group Pharmacy of the Year:
60th Medical Group 60th Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health Airman:
Senior Airman Amy Kingdollar

Company Grade Physical Therapist:
Captain Michael Fink
60th Surgical Operations Squadron Surgical Service

Airman: Airman 1st Class Martha Amigon
Podiatrist of the Year:
Major Frederick E. Snyder

Cardiopulmonary Laboratory NCO: Tech. Sgt. Curtis Maley
60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Public Health Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Eric Harmon
Outstanding Aerospace Medicine Airman: Airman 1st Class Julie Depriest

Med Expeditionary Ops/Readiness Airman: Senior Airman Alicia Smith
60th Dental Squadron Outstanding Dental

NCO: Master Sgt. Rene Vite
60th Medical Support Squadron Health Benefits

Advisor: Sabrina Kelley

Outstanding Medical Materiel Airman: Senior Airman Cassandra Lervik

Outstanding Biomedical Equipment Technician Repair NCO: Staff Sgt. David A. Harley
Outstanding Resource Management Office NCO: Staff Sgt. Teri Soto

Information Systems Airman: Senior Airman Darleen Mcvay

Outstanding Health Planning Manager NCO: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Soto

60th Medical Diagnostics & Therapeutics

Outstanding Speech Pathologist: Major Beth Harrison

Diet Therapy Airman: Airman 1st Class Nadja Boyd

Diet Therapy NCO: Tech. Sgt. Gregory Schuelke

Diet Therapy Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Karen Morgan

Company Grade Pharmacist: Captain Derek Speten

Clinical Pharmacist: Major Nahed Bahlawan

Pharmacy Technician Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Charles Pope, Jr.

Outstanding Diagnostic Imaging Technologist NCO: Tech Sgt. Joffrey Alago

Outstanding Diagnostic Imaging Technologist Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Brian Fagan

Orthotic Laboratory NCO: Staff Sgt. Roderick Roby

Troop rotation to Iraq continue

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The largest rotation of U.S. forces since World War II continues in Iraq, Defense Department officials said March 31.

In all, more than 250,000 U.S. servicemembers are affected. Planning for the rotation began months ago. New units worked with units already in Iraq to learn their mission and plan the movement.

In December, the units began flowing into the region and began the relief-in-place process.

Officials said they expect the rotation to continue through May, when 110,000 U.S. servicemembers will be in place. They will replace the 130,000 Americans who have been serving in the region.

When the rotation is complete, about 80,000

Soldiers, 25,000 Marines and 5,000 Airmen and Sailors will be in Iraq.

To date, about 95 percent of the servicemembers deploying to Iraq have arrived in the region.

More than 90 percent of the cargo has arrived, and more than 60 percent of the people returning home have done so.

While the number of American forces is dropping, Iraqi troops will more than make up the cut, officials said.

A new Iraqi army brigade should be operational by the time the coalition returns sovereignty to an Iraqi government June 30.

In addition, units of the Iraqi civil defense corps will work with the units. More than 210,000 Iraqis are involved in security work in the country, officials said.

Travis graduates 26 NCOs from Lackland academy

15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force

James Higashi
J.H. Johannes
Jeremy McMullen
Gerald White

60th Operations Group

Rafael Galvez
Sean O'Leary
Paul Piazza

60th Maintenance Group

Kevin Brown
Colin Eilert
Paul Grotke
Robert Jack
Robert Laycock
Susan Zabelin

60th Medical Group

Castor Calvillo
Matthew Deel
Arnold Guiao
Marcia Larsen
Jill McChesney
Maryanna Schuchman

60th Mission Support Group

Bernard Alxey

Carlos Corsiga
Matthew Hoberg
Wayne Lemm
Bryan Proctor
Henry O'Neill

364th Recruiting Squadron

Timothy Mackley

ROTC Detachment 45

Steven Hale



Travis captain selects named

60th Air Mobility Wing

Hugh McClean



60th Mission Support Group

Sara Fisher

60th Operations Group

Clint Palmer

60th Medical Group

Mario Abejero
Robert Estep
Elizabeth Grosshans
Katherine King

Supplemental Staff Sergeant Promotees

60th Air Mobility Wing



Pavel Havlicek

60th Maintenance Group

Dennis Szczepanski

Home energy conservation tips for the summer months

Courtesy Article

The summer months are quickly approaching and here are some ways to keep your energy usage down. Following these tips can lead to a significant reduction in a monthly energy bill.

» Close drapes, shades and blinds during the day to keep sun from heating your home. Open windows and shades during the evening when it's cooler.

» Shift the use of heat-producing and major appliances such as ovens, dishwashers, clothes dryers and irons from mid-day to early in the morning or later at night when possible. The best times vary, but generally before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. whenever possible.

» Use microwaves, toaster ovens, slow cookers, broiler ovens or other energy saving appliances for cooking food. They use half the energy of a regular oven and keep the kitchen cooler. Using an outdoor grill to cook dinner also avoids heating up the kitchen. If an oven must be used, cook several dishes at once and turn the heat off a few minutes before the food is fully cooked. Do not preheat an oven except for baking.

» Turn off lights when they are not needed. 75 percent of the electricity used by incandescent bulbs becomes waste heat, not light.

» Wash clothes in cold water with a cold water detergent. Wash full loads of laundry for maximum efficiency. If less than full set the water level in the

washing machine to suit the size of the load to save energy and water.

» Dry laundry on a line to avoid using clothes dryers. Clean the lint filter in the dryer after each use.

» Make sure the air conditioner filter is clean. Clogged filters cause the unit to use more energy (replacing them takes just seconds and will save you money).

» Take short showers instead of baths.

» Defrost food in the refrigerator, this helps cool the refrigerator, easing energy requirements, and it is better for the food than defrosting in room temperature. Keep refrigerator full so that it is cooling less open space (water jugs make good fillers).

» Vacuum the coils of your refrigerator, and check for frost buildup in refrigerators and freezers which causes an appliance to work harder.

» Plan ahead before taking food from the refrigerator — don't

leave door open any longer than necessary.

» Try to wash only full loads in the dishwasher and use the short cycle. Except for the dirtiest dishes, short cycles work just as well but use less energy.

» Turn down the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees.

» Replace burned out light bulbs with new energy efficient fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent bulbs generate less heat so the energy is used more effectively to light an area.

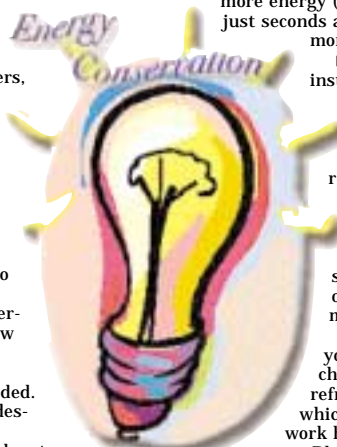
» Plug air leaks in basement, attic and fireplace and seal leaks in pipes and ducts.

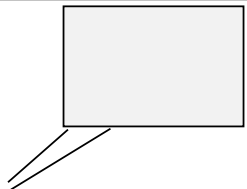
» Set your air conditioner thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when at home. Consider using fans if outdoor temperatures are below 78 degrees. Raise air conditioning to a warmer temperature when you leave. Air conditioners account for as much as 40 to 60 percent of summer energy bills.

» Make sure furniture and draperies are not blocking cooling outlets. Blocked outlets restrict air circulation, overwork the cooling equipment and increase operating costs.

» Close off rooms that are not used directly for cooling, so rooms most used by the household will remain cool. Turn off any unnecessary equipment in rooms not in use (such as TVs, stereos, etc.).

» Keep storm windows and doors in place to reduce the air conditioning load.





*Don't forget to
render proper
customs and
courtesies.*

Last flight at Travis



Photo by Nan Wylie / Visual Information

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, took his fini-flight April 1. He flew on both the KC-10 and C-5 aircrafts. Various personnel from the wing were on hand at the event.

Air Force announces TSP open season

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — Civilian and military employees can sign up for, or change, their Thrift Savings Plan contribution amounts during the 'open season' April 15 - June 30.

"TSP is a long-term retirement savings plan, which everyone should consider," said Senior Master Sgt. Felipe Ortiz, superintendent of the contact center here. "It's a great supplement to military

and civilian retirement plans.

"It's also important to note that TSP is not limited to investing in stocks," said Sergeant Ortiz. "People can choose safer government securities as well."

This open season applies only to regular TSP contributions. It does not include TSP catch-up contributions, as they are not tied to open seasons, according to Janet Thomas, of AFPC's civilian benefits and entitlements service team.

TSP offers investors the chance for lower taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

"Eligible employees can take out loans and make in-service withdrawals from their TSP accounts," said Ms. Thomas. "And you can keep your account, even if you leave military or federal civilian service."

Investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck "so you never have to think about it," said Sergeant Ortiz. "That makes it easy to 'pay yourself first' while only investing what you deem appropriate."

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index

Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

Contribution elections or changes made between April 15 and June 12 will take effect June 13, for both military and civilian personnel. Changes made on or after June 13 will become effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is made for civilians and the following month for military.

DEAD BATTERIES CAN'T SAVE LIVES

Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detector can warn you and your family in the event of a fire.



Ending terrorism begins at home

By Ron Parker
60th AMW Anti-Terrorism advisor

With the recent bombing in Madrid, Spain, the discovery of large caches of explosives material outside a France railway, London, England, and Manila, PI it is evident international, federal, state and local authorities are facing a more violent and sophisticated breed of terrorists.

These incidents do not occur in a vacuum. They are planned, organized and carried out by individuals acting alone and or in groups. The nature of the group can determine the nature of the incident, its target, the level of force used, the number of people involved, and the behavior of the perpetrators, before, during and after the operation.

As local citizens, this is where citizens come to assist the government, state, local authorities, AFOSI and base security force in detecting and deterring suspicious activity.

As shown through recent follow up investigations, terrorist acts come with pre-incident indicators. It could be a person and or group who do not fit into the crowd. A per-

son or group people have never seen at the mall and are not shopping, a person or group at the theater carrying a back pack or package acting suspicious, not paying particular attention to what is on the marquee, a person or group seen video taping a special event, but not observing the event, a person or group taking sketches or video taping an historical sight.

All these acts sound normal, but these are pre-incident indicators. If it appears out of place and suspicious, report it to local authorities.

Should someone observe a suspicious person or activity on base, they should notify the security forces immediately by calling Crime Stop 424-2000, or Eagles Eyes, at 424-2800. Remain alert, be vigilant, and remember, every airmen is an anti-terrorism sensor, report it.



Looking for some bracelets to go with that new outfit?

Have a few drinks and go for a drive...

Drinking and Driving ...

Don't do it!

Use or lose military leave

Accrued leave in excess of 60 days is lost at the end of each fiscal year (Sept. 30), unless the Special Leave Accrual provisions apply. Commanders and supervisors should encourage their members to take at least one period of 14 consecutive days or more and use the 30 days accrued each fiscal year. Call the Military Personnel Flight for guidelines.

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Officials discuss new civilian system in open letter

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A letter signed by Defense Department leaders asks DOD civilian employees to be patient as teams work to make the new National Security Personnel System a reality.

The April 1 letter, signed by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary for personnel and readiness, and Navy Secretary Gordon England, stresses that DOD sees the new personnel system as a combined effort.

The system, passed as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allows DOD officials to transform the civilian personnel system to make it more agile and responsive.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the new system would make it easier for the department to make new hires and keep highly skilled employees. It also would allow DOD to move workers to shortage specialties as nation-

al security concerns change, he said.

In the letter, Mr. Chu and Secretary England state, "We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right."

Taking time will allow the department to consult with employees, managers and unions, a DOD spokeswoman said. The letter encourages people interested in the system to present their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

Department officials are also working with other government agencies as they develop the new system. They are consulting with people at the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget and the Government Accounting Office as the new system takes shape. They are also taking lessons from the Department of Homeland Security, which built its own personnel system after it was formed last year.

Five teams within DOD are

looking at process, personnel, programs, requirements and communications, officials said. A sixth team will draw recommendations from these five together in one package. That proposal is scheduled to be presented to Secretary Rumsfeld and other senior leaders in April.

Once approved, senior leaders will work with Congress on implementing the system.

Mr. Chu and Secretary England said that the system is still being formed, and few details about how the system would work are available because there is no system yet. Concepts and proposals will change over time and department leaders will do their best to keep employees informed, they said.

Information will be available on the DOD and Defense America Web sites, the Pentagon Channel and local commanders' television programs.

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Skeet shooting range open to community

By Christy Mann-Iames

60th Services Squadron

Most military members at Travis are familiar with the security forces shooting range up on the hill, but few are aware that there is a small practice range for archery and skeet shooting open to the entire Travis community.

"I heard shooting and I followed the

sound until I found it," said Sergeant Joh Talha from the 60th Component Maintenance Squadron.

What he discovered was a group of men, mostly retired military, known as the Rod and Gun Club.

"We come out here every Tuesday and on the weekend to shoot skeet," said club treasurer Bobby Dorman.

The Rod and Gun Club is a private club that uses the Services' Skeet and Archery range located off Ellis Drive behind the Equestrian Center.

Many of the Clubs' members have been shooting at Travis for years.

(Retired) Major Del Bablo has been shooting here since 1972.

"I hunted as a kid and started shooting skeet for practice," Mr. Bablo said.

Now he and a few other volunteers teach others how to shoot skeet at the range.

Skeet shooting takes timing and quick reflexes. The shooter stands on his mark and calls "pull" when he is ready for the clay pigeon to shoot out of the towers. Sometimes from the left, sometimes from the right, and sometimes both sides at once, the skeet discs go flying while the shooter tries to

track them and blast them out of the sky with a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun.

The club provides ear and eye protection and members will usually share their guns, but shooters should bring their own shells.

A round of skeet is 25 shots. Members pay \$3 a round, and non-members pay \$4.

For more information about the Rod and Gun Club or the range, call 424-5077 or log onto www.60thServices.com.

Local students take flight

By Stephen Pierce
60th Services Squadron

Subdued excitement and nervousness twirled about three teenagers April 3 before they took their inaugural flight on the Cessna 172C at the Aero Club. But when they returned over an hour later, it was nothing but sheer exhilaration.

"I've got to be a military pilot. I need to fly something small and fast," said Cameron Fasuyi, one of the three cadets selected from the recent Junior ROTC encampment at Travis to experience an orientation ride.

In a former life, the Cessna 172C at the Aero Club was flown by cadets earning their wings at the Air Force Academy.

"You could feel the propeller vibrate through the wheel," said Fasuyi, a sophomore from Valley High School in Sacramento.

"This was a different experience. It was smaller, you felt everything," said Jason Scott, a freshman at Natomis High School.

The free orientation flight highlights a special program at the Aero Club that allows any Junior ROTC cadet to get a 60-minute orientation flight with a certified flight instructor. The cost is only \$20 per person when cadets fly in groups of three.

"It was fun. It was something I've never done before," said Ana Torres, a freshman at Fairfield High School.

Torres rode in the left seat when the aircraft lifted off from Travis. While in the air, she was able to maneuver the aircraft under the watchful eye of certified flight instructor Johnny Baker.

Fasuyi and Scott also took their turn in the left seat as their aircraft soared over Solano County skies. When the flight was over, Baker presented them with their flight log annotated with their first hour of instructed flight.

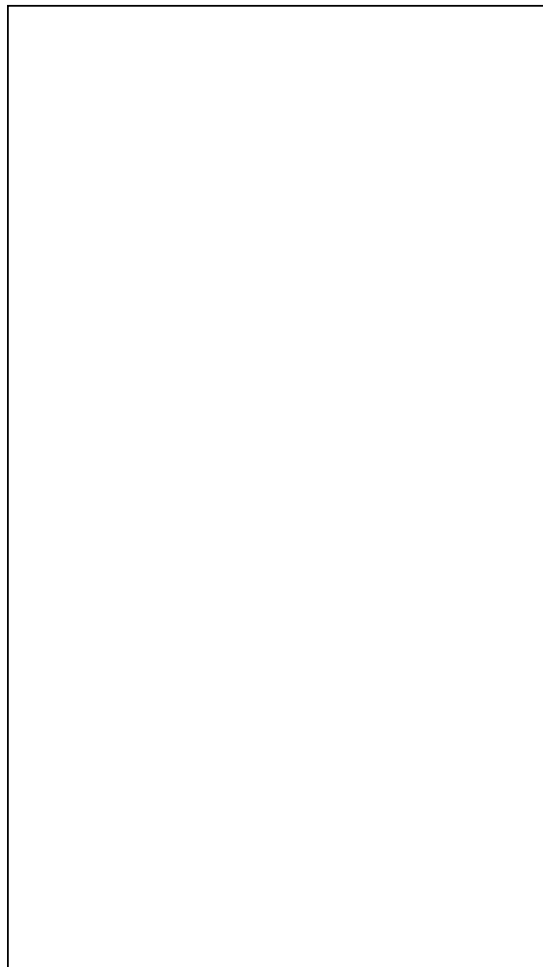
For more information about the cadet orientation flight program, call 437-3470.



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Cadets complete a final check list before taking flight.

The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.



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C Most common warning signs: a change on the skin, a new growth, or a sore that doesn't heal.



D Lessen the risk with sunscreen, SPF -15 to 30, wear a hat and appropriate clothing, and avoid mid-day sun.

E For more information on skin cancer, visit the National Cancer Institute Web site at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinfo/types/skin>.

SOURCE: AMC Command Surgeon Office

InfoGraphic by Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

NEWS NOTES

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Charity Car Wash

The Travis Boy and Girl Scouts will hold a "Car Wash for Charity" in the parking lot at the Family Support Center Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to charity, as the scouts work to help those in need. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Stewart at 242-7525.

C-5 Cann Bird anniversary

The 60th Maintenance

Group one-year anniversary celebration is Thursday at 3 p.m. in Bldg. 31, the 60th MXG Atrium. There will be an awards presentation followed by refreshments and a social gathering. The celebration is open to the base populace.

Postal duty

Air Force Personnel Center is looking for sharp Airmen, senior master sergeants and below, to perform postal duty

at overseas locations all over the world. Tour lengths vary depending on the location.

Short tour opportunities exist and after postal duty people are eligible for follow-on assignments in their current control Air Force Specialty Code. Active postal openings are advertised via Equal Plus ads, and updated weekly on the Assignment Management System web page showing location and reporting

dates.

Additional eligibility and application information are available on the following web site: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlisted/TOPIC%20Postal%20Duty%20Info.htm>

School of Arts

The Travis School of Arts and Academics is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 school year until 4 p.m.

April 23 for first through sixth grades. The school will accept applications for kindergarten until May 28.

The program integrates arts into lessons. Applications are available at all elementary schools in the Travis Unified School District or the district office at 2751 DeRonde Drive.

For more information, call 437-4621 ext. 103.



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Volunteers needed

The Travis Integrated Delivery System committee will be sponsoring "Kudos" April 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. Military families will be invited to attend a mock deployment

featuring a C-5 walk-thru, demonstrations and a visit to Base "X." Anyone interested in volunteering or for more information, call Senior Airman Amy Kingdollar at 423-5172.

Scholarship

Travis Credit Union has eight \$1,000 scholarships available to its members. The scholarship program allows graduating high school seniors who are members to participate.

To apply for the scholarship, high school seniors bound for a two or four year college, who are Travis Credit Union members in good standing, must have a GPA of at least 3.0. Scholarship applications are available at www.traviscu.org or at any Travis Credit Union branch. Other requirements include a completed Travis Credit Union Student Scholarship

Application, a 250-word personal statement essay describing post college plans and goals, a transcript copy certified by a high school official and one letter of reference from a teacher. Completed applications must be received by the credit union by close of business May 14. Scholarship winners will be announced May 28.

Retiree Appreciation Day

The office of Retiree Affairs will sponsor a Retiree Appreciation Day at the Travis Conference Center April 24 at 8 a.m. The master of ceremonies will be (retired) Chief Master Sgt. George Moses. Lunch will be provided by Travis Credit Union. For more information, contact the Retiree Affairs office at 424-3904.

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From Airman to NCO ...

ALS Builds tomorrow's Air Force one class at a time

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Scott King
60th AMW Public Affairs

Arming Airmen with the knowledge they need to carry on the Air Force's mission and serve as future supervisors and leaders is what they are charged to do.

The Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda Airmen Leadership School here steps up to the task and not only fulfills the requirement, but exceeds it every day.

"Our mission is to prepare senior airmen to assume the reigns of leadership and supervision while fostering a commitment to the profession of arms," said Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Heinzen, flight chief for the ALS. "We build the bridge from airman to NCO."

The Travis school is the Air Forces' only permanent, five-flight, 500-plus graduate ALS and its students come from all over California from both active duty and Reserve forces. The school employs nine staff members who come from six different career fields and they routinely spend many off duty hours each week remediating students having academic difficulty.

The Travis ALS moved into its current location in July 2000 and was rededicated in September 2000 in honor of Air Force Sergeant Paul P. Ramoneda — who gave his life heroically in the service of his country.

Since the rededication and move into the new building, the school has increased its graduates from 262 per year in 2000 to 504 graduates in 2003 while Air Mobility Command and the 60th Air Mobility

Wing have invested more than \$2 million dollars renovating, much of it self-help, and equipping the school with the latest technology and furnishings.

The ALS curriculum consists of three areas: Profession of Arms, Leadership and Management and Communication delivered over 24 academic days and 191 curriculum hours all designed to prepare senior airmen to become supervisors and leaders. It is the first of three levels of professional military education programs designed to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills and is a required course for Airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

"Here, I've been handed a rainbow of pastels and canvas. Now, I must rise to my calling and master the art of leading," said Senior Airman Donnette Mosley, ALS student.

Leading is not only on duty, but off duty as well. Staff and students contribute an average 2,500 volunteer hours to local charities each year and have raised and donated \$9,000 to charities in the past year alone.

The staff is recognized as drill and ceremonies experts and are routinely called upon to serve as trainers, advisors and subject matter experts for ceremonies ranging from retirements at the base flagpole to directing wing and numbered Air Force level change of command parades.

"The professional and personal growth of the ALS staff is amazing," said Tech. Sgt. Tiffaney Brooks, flight instructor since Sept. 11, 2001. "We have done everything from a complete building renovation to a parade. We managed to do all of this while teaching,

volunteering in the community and taking classes. We are a close knit family and are there for each other in every way."

The staff of ALS also attempt to have a lasting impact on their students.

"Impact is what I strive for," said Staff Sgt. Jason Lowery, flight instructor since November 2002. "When I have students who are open-minded and interested, I quickly become a kid in a candy store. I consider myself extraordinarily fortunate to have what I consider one of the most rewarding jobs in the Air Force. Each day, I have a number of students waiting for me in a classroom, poised to learn — that's what it's all about — There is no greater motivation than seeing someone reach their potential."

"I think ALS has taught us the true way to approach leadership," said Senior Airman Iokepa Kahihikolo, ALS student. "It's up to us to go back to our units and make a change by being the best possible supervisors and leaders we can be."

Leaders and supervisors alike agree that leadership is taught around-the-clock.

"Our Air Force is in great hands, so long as we, the old guard remember we're teaching our troops, every minute of every day, how to lead," Sergeant Heinzen said. "We're modeling the behavior they'll pick up. I've heard many people say we must 'lead by example.' Really? You see, we're leading the only way we can, by example. The only real question however is one we should be asking ourselves. What kind of example are we setting? Remember, our example is our leadership — the two are inseparable."

Senior Airmen Charles Moss, and Maria Arnold, ALS students, participate in retreat. A different ALS flight performs the ceremony everyday and on Fridays the whole school participates. The staff is recognized as drill and ceremonies experts and are routinely called upon to serve as trainers, advisors and subject matter experts for ceremonies ranging from retirements at the base flagpole to directing wing and numbered Air Force level change of command parades.





Senior Airmen Eric Curtis and Robert Nassef, ALS students, participate in a news broadcast presentation. The students perform a news broadcast weekly. (Above) Staff Sgt. Jason Lowery, ALS instructor, instructs his flight on how to give performance feedback. The Travis school is the Air Forces' only permanent, five-flight, 500-plus graduate ALS and its students come from all over California from both active duty and Reserve forces.

Why do we wait?

View Point

By Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Heinzen
Airman Leadership School flight chief

As I approached the exit, I noticed a group of officers, both commissioned and noncommissioned, standing as if they could not open the doors to leave the building.

I wondered if the doors were locked or if there was some type of exercise going on that prevented the group from leaving the building.

As I reached the door, a technical sergeant noticed my quizzical look and provided the missing information. "They are doing retreat," he said.

My response was immediate, "Good, let's go out and join in."

The assembled mass looked at me

as if I had lost my Air Force mind. With that, I excused myself and exited the building.

As I was driving home, I thought about what had transpired. I began to wonder why people try to avoid these ceremonies.

That's when it hit me; the ceremonies had become something that served mainly to obstruct rather than remind. It seemed many had forgotten what the ceremonies and the flag truly meant. To some it had become a two to four-minute nuisance blocking our progress to something supposedly more important.

Reveille and retreat are time-honored ceremonies that signal the beginning and the end of the duty day and provide an opportunity to pay respect to the flag and what it means.

In these days of flextime, rotating shifts and deployments, the beginning and the end of the duty day can be a relatively ambiguous occurrence.

But the ceremonies are supposed to serve as a reminder of the importance of the red, white and blue piece of fabric. It is our symbol; it is

our flag. Others might say however that it's only a symbol and ask how important can it be?

Several years ago, in a large airplane hangar in Florida, most of the base population had gathered to memorialize the fine Americans who lost their lives in the middle east.

I waited with my buddies for the ceremony to begin. I was over the shock of losing members of my community, base and career field. We heard a bus arrive and we waited for the customary ruffles and flourishes. It was here that things changed for me.

A voice over the public address system said, "Ladies and gentlemen, please rise...."

There was something different about this group. The civilians looked different. Then I figured it out. I played back the announcer's announcement in my mind and realized what I had missed.

I hadn't heard the entire announcement. The announcer had said, "Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the families of our fallen comrades." These were the family members left behind by our team

members' untimely deaths.

There were mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives and children. My heart began to ache as the speaker's kind words for the deceased and the names of each fallen comrade were read. Sobs from the families began to waft through the hangar.

The honor guard slowly marched forward, their steel taps striking eerily on the hangar floor in perfect unison, positioning themselves in front of the grieving family members.

The detail commander slowly dropped to one knee. There was not a sound in the hangar except the sobs, now extending into the crowd as if it were contagious.

The detail commander then said, "On behalf of a grateful nation, we present to you this flag." Methodically and crisply, he handed the flag to a family member. Two buglers began to play Taps. The firing detail fired a salute.

As each round exploded, I jumped and somehow felt that I could feel

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Announcements

Whitewater rafting begins

The Outdoor Adventure Program is looking for a few volunteers to learn to be whitewater rafting guides for the summer OAP program. Guides are trained, certified and then lead groups on day and overnight trips on the American River. Volunteer guides get to go on the trips for free. For more information call Brandon Lavin at 424-5659.

Month of the Military Child

The Department of Defense recognizes the challenges dependent children face, and has set aside April as the Month of the Military Child. Children, teens, parents and singles are invited to take part in the special events planned in April like the military child art exhibit, early childhood mini conference, the late night skate and the Easter Eggstravaganza. Log onto www.60thServices.com for a calendar of events.

Join America's kids run

Travis youth ages 5 to 13 years may now sign up to participate in the nationwide event known as America's Kids Run. Log onto www.americaskidsrun.org to register. The run will be on May 15. For more information, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.

Space camp applications available

The Youth Center and Teen Zone are now accepting applications for the Youth Space Academy and the Teen Advanced Space Academy in Huntsville, Ala. this summer. Applicants must be between 12 and 18 years old, have a GPA of at least 2.8 and be interviewed by the Youth Center director. For more information, call the Youth Center at 424-5392.

Win Services Bucks for essay

The Mitchell Memorial Library is having a youth essay contest this month. The essay must be 500 words or less on the topic, **Who is your favorite poet and why?** All entries must be turned into the library by April 23. The first place winner will receive \$25 in Services Bucks, second place will receive \$15 SVS Bucks and third place will receive \$10 in SVS Bucks. Come to the library for details.

Weekly Events

Today

▲ Children from the Travis Youth Center are putting on a fashion and talent show **Moonlight in Paradise** at the Youth Center gym at 4 p.m. to benefit Fisher House. Admission is a donation to Fisher House from the Wish List found online at www.60thServices.com.

▲ All children from age 3 to 12 are invited to the Youth Center's annual Easter Eggstravaganza from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Little League baseball fields. There will be craft projects, prizes and Easter egg hunts. Admission is \$2 and the Youth Center will provide a bag to collect eggs.

Saturday

▲ Parents and caregivers are invited to the Early Childhood Mini-Conference at the Family Support Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to share ideas and enhance childcare skills. For more information call 424-2057.

▲ Dance all night long at the Delta Breeze Club's Late Niter. A live DJ will be spinning the best of hip-hop, R&B and old school. The party starts at 10 p.m. and doesn't stop till 3 a.m.

▲ Play for fun at Cypress Lakes Masters Matchup tournament. Players draw a participant from the Masters Tournament to be on their team. The lowest combine score wins. Entry costs \$10 plus green fees and cart rental.

Sunday

▲ Enjoy elegant dining at the Delta Breeze Club's Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult Club members pay only \$14.95, children 6 to 12 are only \$5.95, and kids under 5 eat for free.

▲ Military members are invited to celebrate Easter with their Air Force family at the Sierra Inn dining facility. The Easter meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. For more information, call 424-2486.

▲ Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens (12-14) is at the Family Support Center, from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 424-2486.

Tuesday

▲ Preschool children enjoy listening to a story or two and making a craft project at Storytime from 9 to 10 a.m. each week at the Mitchell Memorial Library.

▲ Win a minimum of \$200 at the Delta Breeze Club card drawing every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Each week, a club member's name will be selected at random. If that person is in attendance they win the whole pot. A total of six names are drawn, after which the pot is increased by \$25 and rolled over until the next week if there is no winner.

▲ The Family Support Center Readiness NCO will conduct Personal Preparedness Briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for those tasked with TDYs or contingencies. For more information or reservations, call 424-2486.

▲ Skills and Self Assessment class is from 8 a.m. to noon for all job seekers. Explore different career paths based on personality type, skills, abilities, interests. For more information, call 424-2486.

Wednesday

▲ Sign up today at the Youth Center for the Late Night Skate at the Travis Skating Rink on Friday and only pay \$15. Youth ages 6 and up will skate, play games and eat pizza from 5 p.m. to midnight. Price at the door is \$20. Call 424-3891 for details.

▲ The Travis Bench Press Club meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Fitness Center's weight room. This club was developed to encourage members to set and achieve their fitness goals. For more information, call Patty McMorrow or Barbara Hickenbottom at 424-898.

▲ Women, Infants and Children representatives will be at the Family Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, call 435-2200.

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▲ Sponsorship training is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the Family Support Center. For more information, call 424-2486.

Weekly

▲ Job search assistance, career development help, employment resources, and job related classes are available for spouses of military, retirees and DoD civilian employees at the Family Support Center. Obtain the tools needed to conduct an effective job search. For more information, call 424-2486 for an appointment.

▲ Do a self-help job search at the

Family Support Center where a variety of information services are available, including vacancy announcements, brochures, a number of monthly and weekly business publications, computer programs (DoD Job Search, Federal Jobs, and America's Job Bank), Internet access, and other transition employment-related sources.

Conquer the world of words.

Read a book at the base library.

Easter Chapel Services

Jewish:

Passover, Monday through April 13. For Jewish information please call 2nd Lt. Daniel Minkow, 424-1311.

Catholic:

▲ Saturday, Living Stations of the Cross & Procession to Chapel One Duck Pond 3 p.m.

▲ Palm Sunday Mass, 5p.m., Chapel One

▲ Sunday, Palm Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One

▲ Palm Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center

▲ Thursday, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m., Chapel One

▲ April 9, Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, 3 p.m. Chapel One

▲ April 10, Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., Chapel One

▲ April 11, Easter Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One; Easter Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center

Protestant:

▲ Sunday, Community Praise Service, 8 p.m., Chapel Center; Traditional Protestant Service, 10:30 a.m., Chapel Center; Gospel Worship Service, 11 a.m., Chapel One; Inside/Out Contemporary Worship Service, 5 p.m., Chapel Center

▲ April 9, Good Friday Service, noon, Chapel One

▲ April 10, Easter egg hunt. Come hear the Easter story of the Resurrection of Christ followed by an egg hunt from 9 a.m. to noon at the Chapel Center. Children 12 and under are invited. Please bring a basket or container to put eggs in.

▲ April 11, Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. flightline (behind terminal in C-5 aircraft); Liturgical Worship Service, 8 a.m., Chapel One; Community Praise Service, 8 a.m., Chapel Center; Traditional Protestant Service, 10:30 a.m., Chapel Center; Gospel Worship Service, 11 a.m., Chapel One; Inside/Out Contemporary Worship Service, 5 p.m., Chapel Center.

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and sense the families' losses.

Finally, the missing-man formation flew low over the hangar and across the flight-line, finishing the emotional morning.

Fast forward three months after the memorial service; life returned to normal and thoughts of our fallen comrades were replaced by everyday life.

My son and I had been making plans for a long overdue visit with my dad. However, everything changed with one phone call.

Some things just have a way of staying with you, as do the following words: "I don't know how else to tell you this, but your dad died tonight. He had a massive heart attack and you need to come home." We made our trip to see my Dad.

A few months later, I received a flag wrapped in plastic mailed to me by my sister. My dad had proudly served in the military and the flag was his. My sister had

included this note, "You have dedicated your life to service under this flag, and you more than any of us, understand what it means. Dad would have wanted you to have it."

I shed tears of pride for my father's service and that my sister understood the importance of the flag that I have the honor of serving under each and every day.

By example, yours and mine, our co-workers will learn this same sense of honor.

We are Air Force professionals, fighting in the force that guards our country and way of life. Let us never forget what these ceremonies and the flag of our great nation truly mean.

The flag we serve under, have sworn to fight under and many of us will be buried under must never become a two- to four-minute nuisance blocking our progress to something or someplace seeming to be more important. Why is it that we wait just inside doorways throughout the Air Force? Only you can answer that question.

Classified Ads work. Call 425-4646.

Air Force Reserve begins fitness testing

By 2nd Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.— Air Force reservists across the country are under the new Air Force fitness-testing standards as of April 1.

Previously, fitness was measured by height-based weight restrictions, and reservists were tested on aerobic health through a 3-mile walk. The new standards include a waist measurement, push-ups, crunches and a 1.5-mile run.

"Our emphasis is on the overall health and wellness of our members' lifestyles," said 2nd Lt. Eric Doggett, unit fitness program manager for the Air Force Reserve Command headquarters here. "Being physically fit paves the way for more rewards than a passing score; it promotes a more productive and energetic way of life."

About 75,800 reservists train on full- and part-time duty. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about one in four has been activated and about 6,000 are currently mobilized.

"Air Force reservists play an integral role in our national defense and are vital to the effectiveness of our military in combat," said Maj. Richard Watson, commander of the 951st Reserve Support Squadron here. "Having our people physically fit not only helps that (they) stay healthy, but it also ensures the Air

Force Reserve Command mission is a success."

In February, key members of the command staff were tested under the new standards.

"In a climate with a high-operations tempo, we just need to be better fit," Major Watson said.

All Airmen are expected to meet the new physical-fitness program standards. People who score above 90 are considered in excellent health. A total score of 75 to 89.99 is good; 70 to 74.99 is marginal; and less than 70 is poor.

The scoring is broken down by age and gender. Beginning with "under age 25," the charts go up every five years for both men and women. As an Airman's age progresses, the number of push-ups and crunches required for a 100-point score goes down and more time is allowed for the run. However, the waist-measurement standard remains constant, no matter what the Airman's age.

"Abdominal circumference is the only chart that doesn't allow for age," Lieutenant Doggett said. "For men, a top score of 30 points means a measurement of less than 32.5 inches, whether you're 18 years old or 55. For women, it's 29.5 inches."

For more information on the new fitness program visit <https://www.mil.afrc.af.mil/hq/sq/FitnessProgram/PhysicalFitness.htm>.



Courtesy photo

Air Force reservists are now required to meet the same fitness standards as active duty.

Air Force baseball loses to Utah, 13 - 6

Courtesy of U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Media Relations

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Utah banged out a season-high 20 hits and three home runs to down Air Force, 13-6, in a Mountain West Conference baseball game here April 2. The Falcons fall to 5-25 overall and 0-7 in the conference. Utah improves to 5-16, 2-5.

Utah starter Jason Price improved to 2-4 on the year, striking out 11 Falcon batters and allowing five runs in seven innings pitched. Air Force starter Mitch Brown fell to 0-3 on the year, allowing six runs, four earned, while fanning five in five innings pitched.

Three Utes had three hits with five more getting two. Jay Brossman hit his first home run of the season, going 3-for-5 with three RBIs, and Tyson Olson went 3-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs. Jared Pena hit his second homer of the year.

Air Force had 14 hits with Jason Brown leading the way by going 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles and an RBI. Josh Wolfram, Matt Musser and Colton Walter also had two hits a piece.

Utah went up 2-0 in the top of the first, scoring two runs off a costly throwing error

by second baseman Walter. With two outs and a runner on first, Walter fielded a routine grounder but threw the ball into the Utah dugout allowing runners on second and third. Trevor Eastman then followed up with a single up the middle to score both runners.

The Falcons answered back with a run in the bottom of the inning highlighted by Musser's hit-and-run single. Josh Wolfram led off the inning by drawing a walk and drew the second baseman toward the bag on the attempt, allowing Musser to hit the ball in the hole. Nathan DeRohan then scored Wolfram from third in a sacrifice fly to center field. Musser, who made his varsity debut, also stole three bases and scored a run.

The Utah bats came alive in the fifth inning, scoring four runs on five hits to jump out to a 6-1 lead. The Falcons came right back with three runs in the bottom of the inning, getting a two-run homer from Nathan DeRohan and an RBI double from Jason Brown to make it a 6-4 game.

However, the Ute bats were too strong, scoring two runs in the sixth, three in the seventh and two in the eighth to pull further ahead. Air Force scored runs in the seventh and eighth.

Air Force edges Wyoming in women's tennis

Courtesy of U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Media Relations

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Air Force women's tennis team evened its Mountain West Conference record at 1-1 April 4 with a tough 4-3 victory over Wyoming here. The Falcons, who are now 13-6 overall this season, won two of the three doubles matches and split the six singles contests with the Cowgirls.

Air Force narrowly won the doubles point for the second consecutive match when junior Katie Tomkie and freshman Kellie Crail squeaked out a 9-7 victory over Wyoming's Andrea House and Gwen Moser. That turned out to be the key match as the two teams split the other two

doubles matches.

Falcon seniors Laura Nigro and Gina Black easily won the No. 1 match, 8-0, over Yuliani Santi and Jennifer Hancock, while Patricia Chien and Karolina Rowinski of Wyoming won the No. 2 match, 8-6, over Kat Bushey and Karissa Walker.

"That was a huge win for us at No. 3," said Air Force head coach Kim Gidley. "Katie and Kellie really came through for us, even more so because we ended up splitting the singles matches."

Air Force quickly took a 3-0 lead as Nigro defeated Chien, 6-2, 6-2 at the No. 1 singles spot and Bushey beat Santi, 6-1, 6-3, at No. 2. Wyoming fought back with a pair of three-set wins at No. 3

and 4. Hancock beat Walker at the No. 3 spot, 6-4, 5-7, 10-4, then Rowinski defeated Black at No. 4 in a see-saw match that went three-sets, 6-7, 7-5, 11-9.

Tomkie clinched the team match for the Falcons with a 6-2, 6-1 victory at the No. 5 position over Amy Senko. House defeated Crail, 6-1, 6-4, at No. 6 for the final match.

"Having Laura, Kat and Katie take care of business is a big positive for us," Gidley said. "Everyone played well today, even in the close matches we lost."

Air Force returns to conference action in Salt Lake City against Brigham Young University today and Utah Sunday.

Air Force sneaks past Montana in tennis

Courtesy of U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Media Relations

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force men's tennis team captured victories at the top three singles positions and top two doubles spots April 4, defeating the University of Montana, 4-3, in the Falcons' final home match of the season. Air Force, currently on a three-match winning streak, is now 12-8 this season.

Junior Tyler McClung and sophomore

Shannon Buck improved to 17-5 overall and 15-4 at the No. 1 doubles spot with an 8-5 victory over Gus Treyz and Stuart Wing. Sophomore Trevor Johnson and freshman Sky Jensen won the No. 2 match 8-2 over Montana's Ryan O'Neill and Varun Giri. Montana took the No. 3 match, as Jan Steenekamp and Sean Stewart defeated the Air Force duo of junior Chris Dong and freshman Justin Lau, 8-3.

In singles action, Buck won his ninth consecutive match and improved to 26-4 overall and 18-2 at the No. 1 position with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Steenekamp.

Air Force begins play in the Mountain West Conference today against the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.

SPORTS SHORTS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Strike It Rich

The Travis Bowl is giving away cash with their new promotion called Strike It Rich. Starting this month all bowlers will receive one entry for every line they bowl. All players have to do is enter name, phone and e-mail. Each month someone will win \$50, \$100 and \$200. At the end of April someone will win the grand prize of \$500.

Hike on Spring Break

Youth ages 13 to 19 are invited to participate in the Travis-Bound outdoor adventure program. The group

will hike the Lost Coast and camp out in the Kings National Conservation Area from April 13 to 17. The \$175 fee includes most equipment, food and tour guides. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 424-5659.

See the Giants play

Information, Tickets and Travel has Giants' tickets on sale now for select games. See the Giants play the Dodgers on April 17 and the Atlanta Braves on April 28. Prices range from \$16 to \$23 depending upon location and day. For more information, call ITT at 424-5659.

Join Bench Press Club

The new Travis Bench Press Club meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Fitness Center's weight room. This club was developed to encourage members to set and achieve their fitness goals. For more information, call Patty McMorrow or Barbara

Hickenbottom at 424-8980.

Golf and win

Get Into the Swing of Things with the new AMC promotion and possibly win the grand prize of \$1,000. Everyone who pays for at minimum of nine holes of golf at Cypress Lakes will receive an entry form. At the end of April and May Cypress Lakes will give away \$200, \$100 and two \$25 prizes with a final \$500 grand prize awarded at the end of the promotion.

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Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detector can warn you and your family in the event of a fire.

**Tonight**

6:30 p.m. *Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen* — New York City teenager, Lola, rules her school. She's the most popular kid around and assumes that will always be the case. But when her family moves to the suburbs, she finds that at her new school, Carla is the "drama queen" in residence. (PG)

Saturday

6:30 p.m. *Eurotrip* — Scott thinks his German pen pal is a guy. But when he discovers that Mieke is actually a hot babe, Scott and his buddy Cooper buy plane tickets and head across the Atlantic to visit. (R)

9 p.m. *Twisted* — Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson Police detective, Jessica Shepard, tracks a serial killer who murders the men she dates. When Jessica begins blacking out before each murder takes place, her partner, Mike Delmarco, and the police commissioner target her as the prime suspect. (R)

Sunday

2 p.m. *Confessions Of A Teenage Drama Queen*

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